

Below is a map of the 2006 hunting hour zones. Actual legal hunting hours (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset) for Zone A are printed below. To determine the opening (a.m.) or closing (p.m.) time for any day in another zone, add the minutes shown on the map for the zone to the time from the Zone A table.

Zone A Hunting Hours Table.
One-half hour before sunrise to
one-half hour after sunset
(adjusted for Daylight Savings Time).



Wild Turkey Cooperator Patch

Adult hunters, collectors and other interested individuals may purchase the patch for \$5, including postage and handling. Only the current year patch is available for purchase. You do not have to harvest a turkey to purchase a patch. Send orders to the address above, and please make your check or money order payable to the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Hunting Hours—It is unlawful to take or attempt to take a turkey except from 1/2 hour before local sunrise to 1/2 hour after local sunset. See the hunting hours in this guide.

Hunting Methods—Hunters may use a bow and arrow, a firearm that fires a fixed shotgun shell, or a muzzleloading shotgun for turkey hunting. It is illegal to use or carry afield any other firearm. The prohibition on carrying any other type of firearm does not apply to pistols carried under authority of a concealed pistol license or properly carried under authority of a specific exception from the requirement of a concealed pistol license. It is unlawful to use or carry any ammunition except shotgun shells loaded with No. 4 or smaller shot, or to use or carry loose shot larger than No. 4 for muzzleloading hunting. You may hunt turkeys from an elevated stand or tree using only a bow and arrow. Turkeys may be hunted with dogs during the fall season. The use or possession of electronic devices that imitate wild turkey calls is illegal.

Validating Kills—Immediately upon killing a turkey, a person shall validate their license by notching out the appropriate information as instructed on the license and securely attaching the license around a leg of the bird. A person shall not have in their possession or transport a turkey unless the validated license is attached to a leg of the bird.

Baiting Prohibited—It is unlawful to make use of bait to aid in the taking of a wild turkey. For the purpose of this regulation, “bait” means a substance composed of grain, fruit, vegetables or other food placed to lure or entice wild turkeys. This does not apply to standing farm crops (normal agricultural practices) or other natural growing grains, fruits or vegetables.

License—The license is not valid unless signed by the successful applicant. Licenses cannot be altered or transferred. It is unlawful to obtain or purchase more than one fall turkey hunting license.

Decoys—Mechanical, electronic or live decoys are prohibited. Mechanical decoy means any device that by design or construction uses motion as a visual stimulus to attract a wild turkey, except a wind sock or similar decoy body anchored at a fixed point into the ground and whose only motion is derived exclusively by power of the natural wind.

This law requires permission from the landowner or lease holder before you may hunt on any farmlands or connected woodlots or on any fenced or posted private lands and prohibits discharge of a firearm within the right-of-way of public roads adjacent to these lands without permission of the landowner.

Violations of turkey hunting regulations, including application violations, are misdemeanors. Misdemeanors may be punishable by up to 90 days imprisonment, \$50 to \$500 fines, or both, and license revocation for up to three years. Reimbursement to the state for unlawful taking of a wild turkey is \$1,000 per animal. You can report all poaching by calling 800-292-7800.

DISCOVER THE OUTDOORS

Michigan's state parks and state forests are more than just campgrounds. These lands provide space and resources to enjoy a variety of outdoor recreation.

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To learn more, visit us on the Web at www.michigan.gov/dnr

So get outdoors and enjoy Michigan!

Item Number	Name	Cost
160	Fall Turkey Application	\$4.00
161	Turkey Fall Resident License	\$15.00
162	Turkey Fall Senior License	\$6.00
163	Turkey Fall Nonresident License*	\$69.00
261	Turkey Fall Leftover Resident License	\$15.00
262	Turkey Fall Leftover Senior License	\$6.00
263	Turkey Fall Leftover Nonresident License	\$69.00

*Nonresidents under age 17 may purchase a resident license.

**Applicants who did not apply online
will be mailed a postcard by September 6.**

If you encounter problems with your fall wild turkey application, you can obtain assistance by calling (517) 373-3904. All inquiries regarding your application must be made prior to August 4. Following the drawing, you can call this number if you also need assistance with purchasing a license or if you have not received a notification card by September 6.

If any licenses remain after the drawing, unsuccessful applicants may purchase one leftover license in person at any license dealer on a first-come, first-served basis for a one-week period beginning September 11 at 10 a.m. (EDT). Any licenses that remain as of September 18 at 10 a.m. (EDT) also will be available for purchase over the counter by individuals who did not apply for a fall wild turkey license. These licenses will be sold until the quota is met. It is unlawful to purchase more than one fall turkey hunting license.

REPORT ALL POACHING
Call: 800-292-7800

The Natural Resources Commission is the governing body for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In providing a strategic framework for the DNR to effectively manage the state's resources, the NRC works closely with a broad cross-section of constituencies to establish and continuously improve natural resources management policy.

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www.michigan.gov/dnr
 Violations (RAP): 800-292-7800

The DNR Operations Service Centers listed below are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga	Livonia*	Plainwell
427 US-41 North	38980 Seven Mile Rd.	621 N. 10th St.
Baraga, MI 49908	Livonia, MI 48152	Plainwell, MI 49080
906-353-6651	734-953-0241	269-685-6851
Bay City	*New location may occur in 2006	Roscommon
503 N. Euclid Ave., Suite 1	Marquette	1-75 & M-18 South
Bay City, MI 48706	1990 US-41 South	8717 N. Roscommon Rd.
989-684-9141	Marquette, MI 49855	Roscommon, MI 48653
Cadillac	906-228-6561	989-275-5151
8015 Mackinaw Trail	Newberry	Rose Lake*
Cadillac, MI 49601	5100 M-123	8562 E. Stoll Rd.
231-775-9727	Newberry, MI 49868	East Lansing, MI 48823
Gaylord	906-293-5131	517-641-4903
1732 W. M-32		*This is a field office
Gaylord, MI 49735		
989-732-3541		

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources provides equal opportunities for employment and access to Michigan's natural resources. Both state and federal laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age, sex, height, weight or marital status under the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 as amended (MI PA 453 and MI PA 220, Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act). If you think that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility, or if you have any information that someone has been discriminated against, please contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909-7528 or the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Cadillac Place, Suite 3-600, 3054 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202 or the Division of Federal Assistance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

For information or assistance on this publication, contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7944. This publication is available in alternative formats upon request.

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Locations

- You may apply:
 - At any authorized license dealer
 - At DNR Operations Service Centers
 - Online at www.michigan.gov/dnr

Requirements

- It costs \$4 to apply.
- To apply, you will need one of the following forms of identification:
 - Valid Michigan driver license
 - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
 - DNR Sportcard (issued through license dealers or DNR Web site)
- It is critical that you keep your mailing address up to date with the Secretary of State.
- You must be at least 12 years old by the time a license is purchased.

- When you apply, you are responsible for:
 - Submitting a single application. Applicants who apply more than once, falsify information, or apply with more than one party member will be ineligible for the drawing.
 - Ensuring that no more than two applicants apply as a party. The first applicant of each partnership will supply the hunt area choice and receive a “partnership identification” number. The other partner will need this ID number when applying to complete the partnership.
 - Checking that your information was correctly entered by the agent. An incorrect customer ID will cause you to become ineligible for a license.
 - Ensuring that you receive a DNR receipt. The DNR receipt clearly states your customer ID. **Do not accept a DNR receipt that is not legible.**
 - Retaining your DNR receipt as proof that you applied.

IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to check your application receipt for accuracy.

- You may purchase your hunting license from any license dealer or online at www.michigan.gov/dnr.
- All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase a Michigan hunting license.
- Make sure the information on your license is accurate.
- Licenses may not be altered or transferred.

2006 FALL SEASON

Application Period July 1–August 1, 2006

Apply online at www.michigan.gov/dnr



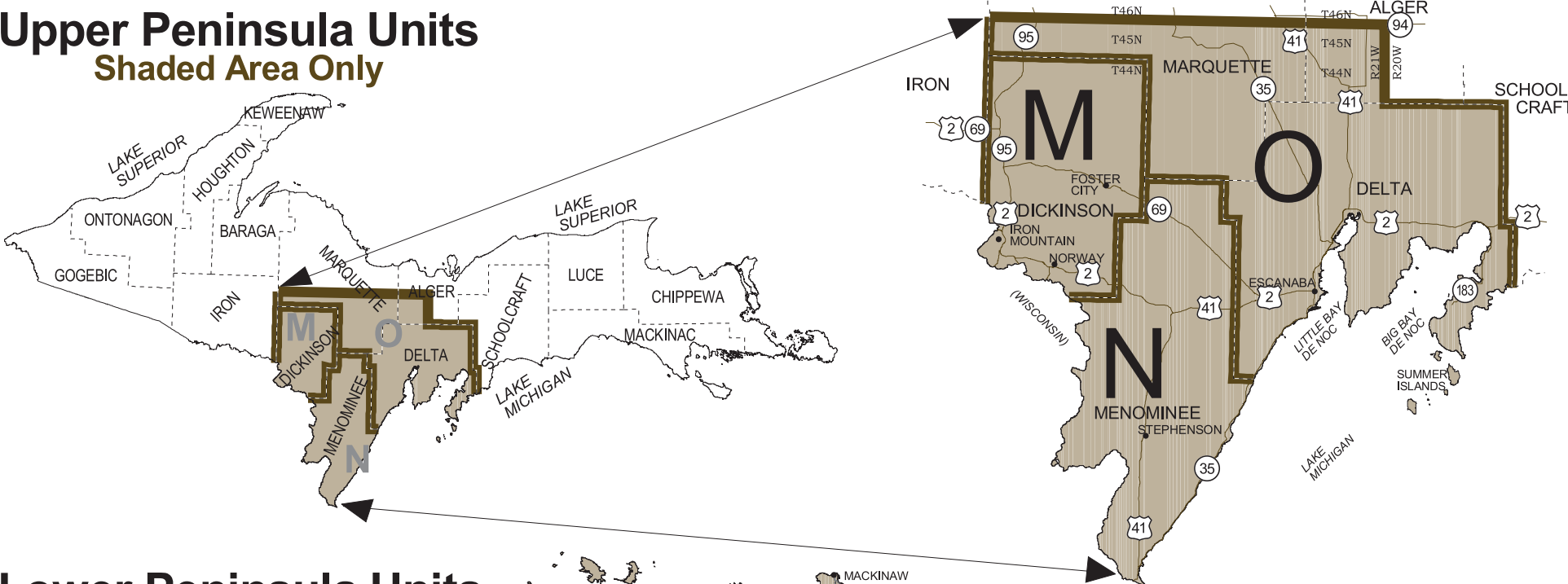
Great Lakes, Great Times, Great Outdoors



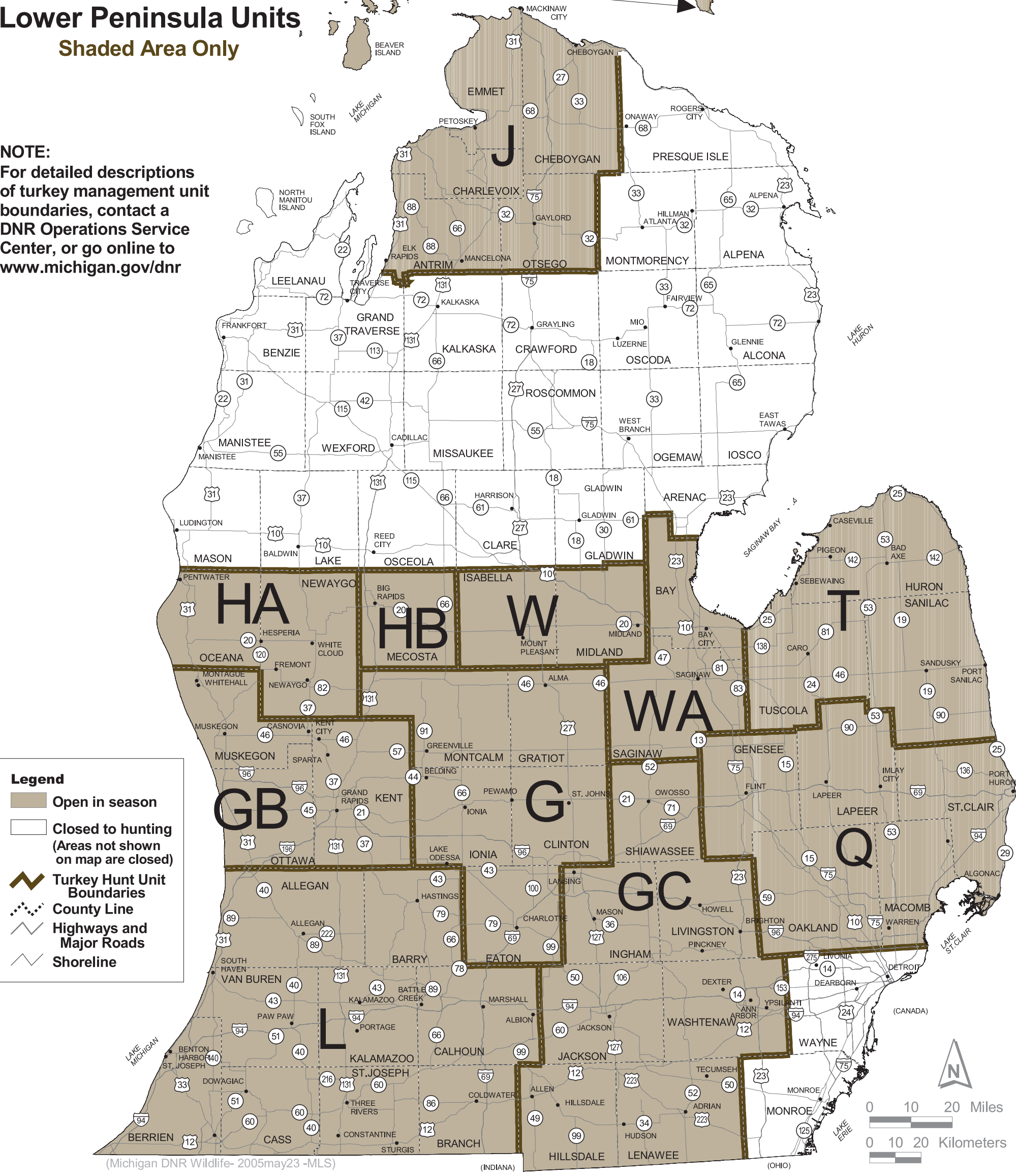
- No more than two applicants may apply as a party
- Report your hunting activity online at www.michigan.gov/dnr
- It is unlawful to obtain or purchase more than one fall turkey hunting license

2006 Fall Turkey Hunting Units

Upper Peninsula Units
Shaded Area Only



Lower Peninsula Units
Shaded Area Only



NOTE:
For detailed descriptions
of turkey management unit
boundaries, contact a
DNR Operations Service
Center, or go online to
www.michigan.gov/dnr

Legend

- Open in season
- Closed to hunting
(Areas not shown
on map are closed)
- Turkey Hunt Unit
Boundaries
- County Line
- Highways and
Major Roads
- Shoreline

How to Apply

- 1 Look at the map and choose a hunt unit.
- 2 Find the hunt number for the hunt unit you chose. You may make only one choice.
- 3 Complete worksheet.
- 4 Apply at a license agent, or online at www.michigan.gov/dnr
- 5 It is unlawful to apply more than once.
- 6 Check your receipt. Retain receipt as proof of application.

Application Worksheet

The license agent will ask for the following information when applying:

1. Your birth date?	____/____/____
2. Customer ID number?	Michigan Driver License, state of Michigan ID Card, or DNR Sportcard
3. Application item type?	160 Fall Turkey Application
4. Joining existing party? (Parties may not exceed 2 people)	No, if applying by yourself or you are the first person in a party to apply; (Go to item 6), Yes, if joining a partner (Go to item 5).
5. Party ID number?	(_____) (Same number as printed on your partner's receipt; none, if applying by yourself)
6. Hunt Number (See table for hunt numbers)	0 ____ Enter last 3 digits

Note: You must get a new party ID number each year, even if you apply for the same hunt number and have the same partner.

2006 Fall Wild Turkey
Limited Quota Hunt Units

General Licenses

The general licenses listed below are valid on all land within the unit.

HUNT NUMBER	OPEN UNIT	OPEN SEASON	LICENSE QUOTA
0401	G	October 2–November 14	200
0402	GB	October 2–November 14	250
0403	J	October 2–November 14	2,000
0404	L	October 2–November 14	1,000
0405	M	October 2–November 14	800
0406	N	October 2–November 14	900
0407	O	October 2–November 14	1,500
0408	W	October 2–November 14	200

Private Land Only Licenses

The private land licenses listed below are not valid on county, state or federal lands, except Hunt No. 0414 (Unit L) may be used to hunt Fort Custer military lands with permission. You are encouraged to have permission to hunt private lands before applying for one of these licenses.

HUNT NUMBER	OPEN UNIT	OPEN SEASON	LICENSE QUOTA
0409	G	October 2–November 14	7,000
0410	GB	October 2–November 14	4,000
0411	GC	October 2–November 14	5,000
0412	HA	October 2–November 14	1,000
0413	HB	October 2–November 14	600
0414	L	October 2–November 14	20,000
0415	M	October 2–November 14	600
0416	N	October 2–November 14	900
0417	O	October 2–November 14	1,000
0418	Q	October 2–November 14	3,000
0419	T	October 2–November 14	1,500
0420	W	October 2–November 14	4,000
0421	WA	October 2–November 14	1,000

2006 Fall Workshop Dates

The DNR, Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association (MWTHA), National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) and other groups are cooperating to offer wild turkey hunter orientation courses. The training sessions are open to anyone and may include turkey hunting methods, calling, regulations and population status. For details, contact:

September 23: Clare Jay's Sporting Goods Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association Jim Maturen (231) 832-2575	September 23: Dundee Cabela's River Raisin Chapter, NWTf Workshops at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. John Smith (734) 529-4700
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Understanding West Nile Virus

There have been cases of human infection occurring when laboratory personnel have accidentally cut themselves while examining infected birds. Therefore, as a precaution against blood-borne pathogens (both viral and bacterial), hunters should wear rubber or latex gloves when handling, cleaning and butchering dead animals. Tools used when processing gamebirds should be disinfected after use with bleach (10% solution) and washed in soapy water.

No humans have been infected by consuming the meat of an infected bird. However, the meat of birds should be cooked thoroughly; heating to an internal temperature of 170° to 180°F. Cooking to this temperature will kill West Nile Virus (WNV) as well as any bacteria present, thus eliminating any risk of infection.

If you see a turkey that appears to be acting abnormally (inability to fly, abnormal head posture, disoriented, having seizures), we are interested in testing this bird for WNV. Please contact your local DNR Field Office.

More information and DNR Field Office locations are available on the WNV Web site at www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases

Turkey Hunter Reporting Option

Turkey hunters we need your help. After your hunting season has ended, please report your hunting activity on the Internet by visiting the Hunting section or Wild Turkey page at www.michigan.gov/dnr. Participation in this program is important to the future of turkey hunting. Information you provide will improve turkey management and ensure decisions regarding hunting seasons are based on the best information available.

Wild Turkey Hunting Tips, Ethics and Safety

An important component to successful fall turkey hunting is locating birds. Scout for tracks, fresh droppings and feathers. Good areas for sighting flocks are in idle fields and woodlands and near logging trails.

In fall, turkeys spend most of their time feeding on insects and mast crops like acorns. Locate a good food source where birds are congregating and learn the habits of the birds.

Listen for the sounds of birds scratching in the leaves or listen for their “flock talk” as they come and go to roost. Roosting flocks may produce a wide variety of “yelps,” “clucks,” “kee-kees” and “gobbles.”

Once a flock has been located, one hunting tactic is to scatter the flock. Approach the flock within 50 yards and flush the birds so they will scatter. A dispersed flock normally will begin to regroup within 15 to 30 minutes near the original point of separation.

Quickly set up at this spot. Begin calling the turkeys by imitating the same sounds made by the birds as the flock begins to reassemble. Poults will give the kee-kee lost call mixed with yelps and clucks. Answer every turkey call heard with similar tone, pitch and rhythm. Using a decoy also may help fool birds into approaching your location.

Successful hunters sit still and allow the birds to come to them. Being camouflaged does not make you invisible. Movement is the greatest enemy of the turkey hunter. A turkey can detect and react to movement 10 times faster than a human. Even though camouflaged, you still are an unnatural form in the woods.

Do not attempt to stalk a turkey. First, that gobbler or hen you are stalking may turn out to be another hunter. Second, your chances of success are poor. At best, you might get a glimpse of tail feathers.

Do not jump and turn at a turkey approaching from behind. The chance of getting a good shot is very slim. Be patient, remain still and let the bird pass.

Assume another person is making every sound you hear. Many turkey hunters are very convincing callers. Always keep a safe distance. If a bird turns out to be another hunter, it could be very dangerous.

If another hunter is working a flock, do not interfere by calling or spooking the birds. Always give other hunters the same respect that you expect.

In fall, both hens and gobblers are legal targets. Make sure the bird is within range of the shotgun and shoot at the neck and head only.

Know the capabilities and limitations of your gun or bow and use it safely.

Be positive of your target. Once you pull the trigger, it is too late!

Do your homework before the season begins—scouting, practicing calling, patterning your gun, etc. The American wild turkey is the most difficult game in North America to hunt one on one. Give yourself all the advantages you can.

Report all turkey poachers by calling the DNR Report All Poaching Hotline at 800-292-7800. To help protect local flocks, several conservation groups throughout the state provide a reward for evidence leading to the conviction of anyone illegally killing a wild turkey.